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# FSU is 'Team of Decade'

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**B**obby Bowden has his second national title in hand following Florida State's 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in Tuesday night's Sugar Bowl, and the head football coach will very soon put a picture-perfect exclamation point on his team's 1999 success.

The affable Bowden, whose down-home, Southern good ol' boy personality makes redneck comedian Jeff Foxworthy sound like a blueblood, has kept an empty photo frame on his office desk during most of the season. He promised to display a team snapshot in the space as soon as he had an undefeated team to honor.

All wins and no losses makes Bobby a happy guy.

Bowden even maintained his classic sense of folksy flair — one might call it neo-hoedown — as he finished up a phone call from President Clinton during the post-game celebration. "See you, buddy," said Bowden, as if the leader of the free world had just filled up his tank with gas.

FSU's much-maligned Peter Warrick essentially stole the Sugar Bowl spotlight from Bowden's accomplishment, scoring three touchdowns and running away with the MVP award. This time, however, the senior wide receiver won't get into any trouble for his theft.

Warrick took his lumps earlier in the season after he received a sweet deal at a Tallahassee, Fla., area department store, paying just about \$20 for close to \$400 worth

of clothing. The discount cost Warrick the Heisman award and prompted one sports columnist to ask the question, how can a guy who gives 100 percent on the field give just five percent at the counter?

Warrick, of course, will be laughing all the way into the NFL next season, with enough millions to buy his own department store.

So, with the final piece of the 1990s in place, all that's left is for pigskin pundits and football fans to debate the subjective question: Which college football program should be considered "Team of the Decade?"

Of course, those living in Tallahassee have a quick and obvious answer.

Fans of Florida State throw out several impressive statistics in their arguments. An NCAA-record 13-year streak of finishing fourth or better in the final college football polls is a convincing start. Two national titles and 109 total wins, most in the NCAA during the decade, bolster their claims.

Get a grip, those fans in Nebraska can reply. The Cornhuskers won 108 games during the contested span. In addition, three national titles — all unbeaten seasons to boot — ended up in Lincoln during the '90s, which should end the argument, they say.

Let's dissect those numbers a bit. FSU won 89 percent of its games during those 10 years, compared to NU's 86 percent. Granted, that difference is negligible, but the vote for best team is close, so all stats count.

A more important fact dates back to the 1992-93 season. That year Florida State squeezed out an 18-16 Orange Bowl win, thus clinching the school's first-ever national title. The loser? Nebraska.

The previous year's Orange Bowl matched up the same two teams, with the same end result, an FSU win.

In this writer's opinion though, the reason why FSU should be considered the decade's best is that dominating streak in the final polls. Finishing in the top four during each of the last 13 years — and winning at least 10 games per season during that stretch — is a stunning feat.

Doesn't convince you? Then consider this: No other team even finished in the top 10 each of the last 10 years, and Nebraska failed to make it into that select group four times during the '90s.

In this current era of ever-changing dominance in college football, FSU has remained in the elite. Thanks to a victory in the final game of the 1999-2000 season, Florida State proved it deserves the label "Team of the Decade."

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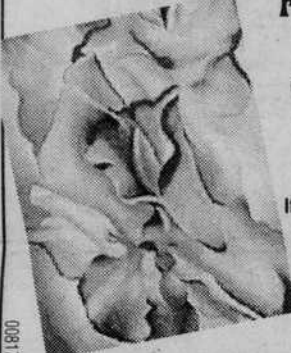
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finish higher than them. So we're ready to go and get that win."

Oregon State's victory in the first Civil War matchup last season broke a 10-game Oregon winning streak in the rivalry. But the Ducks got a measure of revenge later in the season with a 73-68 win at McArthur Court.

Oregon was far from alone among Gill Coliseum victims, as Oregon State went 7-2 at home in conference games, beating UCLA, Arizona and Stanford, all of which were ranked in the top 10 at the times of their Corvallis visits.

Overall, the Beavers finished 14-15 and 7-11 in the Pac-10.

This season, Oregon State is 6-0 in Gill Coliseum but has played only the likes of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Wyoming, Eastern Washington, Denver, Idaho and Chico State.

On the road, the Beavers, who lost all nine Pac-10 road games last season, have continued to struggle. Their 2-3 mark includes

wins over South Carolina State and Clemson at the SoCon Holiday Hoops Tournament in Greenville, S.C., and losses to Mississippi, Colorado State and Utah.

Point guard Deandra Tanner, an all-Pac-10 selection last season, leads Oregon State once again, averaging 16.1 points per game in addition to five assists and 4.3 rebounds per outing.

The Beavers' third-leading scorer, center Jason Heide, has been sidelined since Dec. 20 with a broken right thumb, but he could play Saturday.

Six-foot-nine, 240-pound forward Brian Jackson, a highly regarded freshman from Knappa, is Oregon State's leading scorer with 16.7 points per game after scoring 32 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in Tuesday's win over Texas A&M Corpus-Christi. Jackson, however, has played in just six games because of a knee injury that kept him out of action early in the season.

The Ducks enter the game intent on beginning their Pac-10 march toward March Madness on a winning note.

After easily dispatching of St. Martin's 94-52 on Tuesday night, Oregon believes it's revved up and ready to go in pursuit of a conference crown.

"We feel like this team is ready," head coach Ernie Kent said, "and we feel like we have played a schedule that has gotten us ready to play for the conference."

Smith said the Ducks' improvement in low-post production, largely because of junior-college transfers Julius Hicks and Bryan Bracey, should help Oregon's fate.

"We've done a little better job scoring on the inside, which is something we haven't done maybe in the last couple years," Smith said. "And I think that'll open it up for our guards because our guards really are the strength of our team and probably are, I would say, the best group of guards in the conference."

Hicks, however, is battling mononucleosis, and junior guard David Jackson is sidelined at least a couple more weeks after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery.



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same position that we are in that they really need a game and we really need a game. But for them to drop a game, it's just gonna blow them up.

"We want to be the bomb."

It's not nearly an unfamiliar sentiment heading into a meeting between the two area rivals.

"It's always a very physical, blood-shedding, elbow-throwing match," junior center Jenny Mowe said.

Might fans expect more of the same Saturday?

"Even worse, probably," Mowe said.

Mowe and the rest of Oregon's

post players have to handle Oregon State's senior center Sissell Pierce, who is leading the Pac-10 in blocks with almost three per game. Pierce has traditionally played well against the Ducks, including her 12-point, five-rebound performance against Oregon the last time the two teams went at it.

"Sissell Pierce always kills us," Runge said. "So we'll have to do a good job on her."

The Ducks also need to stifle the Beavers' other potential threats, including sophomore guard Felicia Ragland, who's averaging more than 12 points per game, and sophomore center Erica Cook (formerly Brosterhaus), who was never hesitant to mix it up with the Ducks in her fresh-

man season.

For Oregon, Williams is leading the way offensively, putting up 17.3 points per game. Junior forwards Angelina Wolvert and Brienne Meharry are also averaging double figures.

The Ducks will need to continue trying to spread offensive production around, especially as teams begin to key their defenses to stop Williams.

"We haven't done the best job of that in the past 12 games," junior guard/forward Lindsey Dion said. "Now we have no choice if we don't do it now, then we're not gonna go anywhere. We need to have the ball in [Williams'] hands, but we need to spread it around too."



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